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## PM-ISE Op-ed: Cybersecurity: Sharing information between public, private sector key to battling threats

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In 1799, a French soldier rediscovered an artifact in Egypt that has become the widely recognized symbol for translating ancient text into modern languages. To this day the Rosetta Stone is the most visited exhibit in The British Museum in London. It represents our inherent human need for accurate and timely information.

Today, people, organizations, devices and networks share information broadly, an incredible capability. However, threats to information — shared or stored — are also increasing at a tremendous rate. These threats, the underlying vulnerabilities and the inherent and all-too-often reported consequences, are a constant backdrop to our daily lives.

This is the "new normal" for cybersecurity, and for security more broadly. Government and industry collectively have much of the information about threats and the connections between them.

So what can be done? If information is shared responsibly, we can strengthen our defenses against these threats.

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